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Provisional list of events in 1999 related to the centennial of the first International Peace Conference, 1899, and the United Nations Decade of International Law

Note by the Secretariat

The provisional list of events in 1999 relating to the centennial of the first International Peace Conference and the United Nations Decade of International Law, prepared by the Governments of the Russian Federation and the Netherlands, is circulated herewith (see annex).

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Annex

Provisional list of events in 1999 related to the centennial of the first International Peace Conference, 1899,[a] and the United Nations Decade of International Law

Event and organizer(s)	*Date*	*Location*	*Objective*	*Participants*
1. Commemorative session of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, organized by the International Bureau of the Permanent Court of Arbitration	17 May 1999	Peace Palace, The Hague	Commemorative session on the eve of the centennial of the Court Review of developments at the Court since its 1993 Conference Deliberation on the 1999 report on the peaceful settlement of disputes Adoption of a resolution containing recommendations of members for enhancing the activities and role of the Permanent Court of Arbitration	Members (distinguished jurists or international law scholars and jurists appointed by the Governments of States members of the Court)
2. Signing ceremony of the Protocol to the 1954 Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (to be confirmed)	17 May 1999	The Hague	To strengthen and supplement the 1954 Convention	States parties to the 1954 Convention
3. Official commemoration of the centennial of the 1899 International Peace Conference, organized by the Netherlands National Committee 1999	18–19 May 1999	Peace Palace, The Hague	Meeting of governmental experts on legislative and normative aspects of the themes of the first International Peace Conference (on the basis of reports and comments of various regional discussions)	Legal advisers (ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers)
	18 May 1999	Peace Palace, The Hague	Official opening ceremony of the centennial of the first International Peace Conference: general debate Historic notes to the 1899 Peace Conference Introduction of the report on the peaceful settlement of disputes Introduction of the report on disarmament questions Introduction of the report on humanitarian law	Dignitaries, legal advisers, ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers
	18 May 1999	Peace Palace, The Hague	Preparation of final documents	Legal advisers (ambassadors of Friends of 1999, Netherlands National Committee 1999, Russian Federation National Committee 1999)

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	19 May 1999	Peace Palace, The Hague	Consideration of and conclusions on the report on the peaceful settlement of disputes	Legal advisers (ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers)
			Consideration of and conclusions on the report on disarmament questions	
			Consideration of and conclusions on the report on humanitarian law	
	19 May 1999	Peace Palace, The Hague	Closing ceremony of The Hague session of the centennial of the first International Peace Conference	Legal advisers, ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers
4. Celebration of the centennial of the 1899 International Peace Conference: centennial conference organized by the Russian National Committee on the United Nations Decade of International Law	22–25 June 1999	St. Petersburg	Symposium of experts on the implementation aspects of the themes of the first International Peace Conference (on the basis of reports and comments of various regional discussions)	Dignitaries, legal advisers, ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers
	22 June 1999	St. Petersburg	Official opening of the session of the centennial celebration of the first International Peace Conference	Dignitaries, legal advisers, ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers
			General historical aspects of the first International Peace Conference	
			Friends of 1999: preparation of final documents	
			Consideration of the report on the peaceful settlement of disputes	
	23 June 1999	St. Petersburg	Consideration of and conclusions on the report on peaceful settlement of disputes	Dignitaries, legal advisers, ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers
			Consideration of the report on disarmament questions	
	24 June 1999	St. Petersburg	Consideration of and conclusions on the report on disarmament questions	Dignitaries, legal advisers, ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers
			Consideration of the report on humanitarian law	
	25 June 1999	St. Petersburg	Consideration of and conclusions on the report on humanitarian law	Dignitaries, legal advisers, ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers
	25 June 1999	St. Petersburg	Official closing ceremony	Legal advisers, ambassadors, guests, rapporteurs, observers

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5. International Committee of the Red Cross: fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross	12 August 1999	Geneva	Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Geneva Conventions Finalization of results of the worldwide consultation among populations affected by armed conflict, as well as those in peaceful countries	
6. Twenty-seventh International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, organized by the Standing Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent	6–8 November 1999	Geneva	Consideration of, *inter alia*, the results of the worldwide consultation among populations affected by armed conflict as well as those in peaceful countries	States parties to the Conventions, Nation Societies of the Red and Red Crescent, th International Federa the Red Cross and R Crescent Societies a International Comm the Red Cross
7. Outcome of the action dedicated to the 1999 centennial of the first International Peace Conference, to be discussed at the closing of the United Nations Decade of International Law	17 November 1999: plenary meeting of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly November 1999: Consideration by the Sixth Committee of the item on the United Nations Decade of International Law	New York		
Regional and national meetings				
1. Regional meetings to prepare for the centennial celebrations: Inter-American Commission of Jurists of the Organization of American States Ad Hoc Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law of the Council of Europe (tentative) Afro-Asian Legal Consultative Committee International Law Commission International Bureau of the Permanent Court of Arbitration International Parliamentary Union (tentative)	Months preceding May 1999	Various	Comments on preliminary reports on armament questions, international humanitarian law and peaceful settlement of disputes prepared by the rapporteurs	Members
2. National meetings to prepare for the centennial celebrations[b]				

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Selected non-governmental organization and related meetings				
1. Consortium on related dispute resolution and the International Law Association	11–15 December 1998	London		Experts, upon invitation
2. Meeting on the armed forces, democracy and human rights, organized by the Ecuadorean Foundation for International and Strategic Relations	Mid-January 1999	Ecuador		Non-governmental organizations
3. Africa Peace Congress, organized by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Kenya	February 1999	Nairobi		Non-governmental organizations
4. Meeting on conflict resolution in the Mediterranean region, organized by various members of the Catalan Federation of non-governmental organizations, Spain	February 1999	Barcelona		Non-governmental organizations
5. Asia-Pacific Region Commemorative Conference of the 1899 International Peace Conference, organized by the University of Melbourne, Australia	18–20 February 1999	Melbourne		
6. NGO Coalition Hague Appeal for Peace Conference	11–15 May 1999	The Hague	Organization of civil society activities in connection with the centennial of the first International Peace Conference	Non-governmental organizations from all over the world
7. Abolition 2000 Peace Walk, organized by For Mother Earth	16–26 May 1999	The Hague to Brussels		Non-governmental organizations
8. Hague Appeal for Peace Post-Conference Assembly	22 May 1999	Westminster, London		Non-governmental organizations

[a] Based on the proposed programme of action (A/C.6/52/3, annex) and communications informally received from delegations and relevant organizations.

[b] No information currently available.